

What is claimed is:

1. A circuit breaker, comprising:

a power supply side fixed contact and a load side fixed contact facing the power supply side fixed contact,

5 a movable contact for bridging the power supply side fixed contact and the load side fixed contact, and

a main housing including an intermediate housing with a lower portion in which said power supply side fixed contact and load side fixed contact are disposed, and a lower housing in 10 which said movable contact is disposed, said lower housing being fitted in the intermediate housing for covering the lower portion thereof and having front and rear walls with thin wall portions and arc gas emission holes so that when the electrical current is broken and arc gas is generated in the main housing, the thin 15 wall portions bend outwardly to allow the arc gas to flow out through a gap formed by bending the thin wall portion and the arc gas emission hole.

2. A circuit breaker according to claim 1, wherein said 20 intermediate housing and lower housing have engagement parts to engage together.

3. A circuit breaker according to claim 1, wherein said front and 25 rear walls have pressing portions for pressing the power supply side fixed contact and the load side fixed contact from front and rear sides thereof.

4. A circuit breaker according to claim 1, wherein said thin wall portion is formed around the pressing portion.

5. A circuit breaker according to claim 1, wherein each of said front and rear walls further includes a center portion, and a guide wall in the center portion, said thin wall portion being located on two sides of the center portion and having a thickness 5 greater than that of the guide wall and less than that of the center portion.